GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3793
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UNFERTILITY OF LAND DUE TO PRAWN FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aquaculture Authority of India regulate the Prawn Fanning;

(b) if so, whether agricultural land becomes unfertile as a result thereof;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted to know the extent of land becoming unfit for cultivation in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof, State-wise; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to save agricultural land?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Aquaculture Authority set-up under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regulates the shrimp farming activities in the coastal areas of the country.

(b): There is no report from any of the Coastal State Governments regarding agricultural land becoming unfertile as a result of shrimp farming. Also, the Aquaculture Authority does not permit conversion of agricultural lands for shrimp fanning.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): No, Sir.

(e)&(f): Question do not arise.